



A Special Message from
Governor Neil Abercrombie and Lt. Governor Brian Schatz

Presented to
Lin Yee Chung Association
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Nei hou to the Committee and Association of Mānoa Cemetery and everyone attending the annual Ching Ming Ceremony.

The Mānoa Cemetery, the oldest cemetery for people of Chinese ancestry, is unique for its beauty and view from the valley to the sea. In 1852, Chinese immigrant Lum Ching, with his knowledge about astronomy and geology, recognized that the valley possessed astrological and geological qualities; thus, being an ideal gathering place for the living and the dead.

Since then, many generations of Chinese Americans have perpetuated the ideals about the Mānoa Cemetery being “hallowed” ground, and many families come together each year for an annual pilgrimage to pay their respect to relatives and make offerings of food, flowers, incense, tea and wine.

We commend the Committee and Association of Mānoa Cemetery for inspiring the next generation of Chinese-Americans to perpetuate the legacy of Lum Ching. Mahalo to the members of Lin Yee Chung, who, along with the United Chinese Society, provide outstanding care and management of the Mānoa Cemetery.

We encourage our community to continue its support for the preservation of the Mānoa Cemetery and to honor the rituals of *Chung Mung* or *Bai San*. We wish you happiness, prosperity, good health and peace in 2011, the Year of the Rabbit.

With warmest regards,

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